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For: POLYCRYSTALLINE TRANSLUCENT ALUMINA-BASED CERAMIC
MATERIAL, USES, AND METHODS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 form(s) is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicants further request that a copy of the 1449 form(s), marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

Applicants also wish to bring the Examiner's attention to the following pending U.S. Applications, as well as any prior art and any provisional U.S. patent applications referenced therein. A copy of each of the below-listed pending U.S. Patent Applications is provided herewith.

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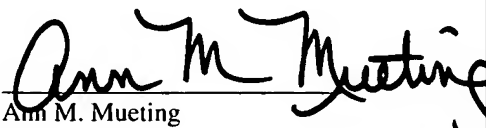
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List of Pending Non-Published U.S. Patent Applications

Applicant(s)	Application Number	Filing Date	Serial No. of Provisional Application to which listed Application claims priority
GR Rusin et al. ^{003/} 0031984	09/383,560	08/29/99	
GR Castro et al. 0165790	10/034,997	12/28/01	

It is believed that no fee is due, as this Information Disclosure Statement is filed prior to the receipt of any Action on the merits. However, in the event a fee is due, please charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-4895.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if they can be of any assistance during prosecution of the present application.

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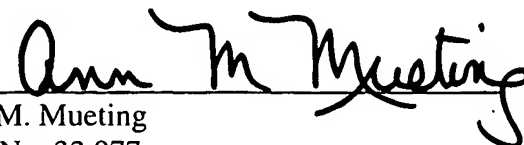
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